GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH ABSTRACT

Public Services – Irrigation & CAD Department – Irregularities in watershed works in Ketaram(V), Bondapally (M), Vizianagaram District - Disciplinary proceedings initiated against Sri B.V.V. Gopala Raju, the then Dy. EE/ MDT member presently working in Irrigation Circle, Visakhapatnam - Inquiry conducted – Charges not held Proved – Deviation with the findings of the Inquiry Officer under Rule 21(2) of APCS(CC&A) Rules,1991 – A penalty of withholding of one annual grade increment without cumulative effect – Orders Issued

IRRIGATION & CAD (Ser.VII(V&E-2) DEPARTMENT G.O.Rt.No. 418 Dated: 01-05-2013 Read the following:

- 1. From the General Administration (V&E) Dept. Vigilance Report No. 118, dated 20-10-2004.
- 2. ENC(AW), I&CAD Dept., Hyd. Memo No.Rc/ENC/S1(1) /14173/2006, dt.18.01.2007
- 3. From Sri BVV Gopalaraju, Dy.EE WSSD dt.22.2.2007
- 4. ENC(AW), I&CAD Dept., Hyderabad, Memo No.Rc/ENC/S1(1)/14173/2005, dt.25.06.2007.
- 5. From the Supdt Engineer Lr No.50.C/AB/EC-I, dt.5-12-2008 6.Govt. Memo No.10793/Ser.VII(V&E.2)/2009-5, dt. 5-9-2012
- 7. Explanation of Sri B.V.V. Gopala Raju, Dy.EE dt.25.10.2012

ORDER

In the reference 1st read above, it has been brought to the notice of the Government that Sri B.V.V Gopala Raju, Dy.EE, while functioning as MDT member in DWMA, Vizianagaram has committed certain irregularities along with others with a recommendation to initiate disciplinary action against him.

- 2. After examining the matter, in the reference 2nd read above, disciplinary action has been initiated against Sri B.V.V Gopala Raju, Dy.EE by way of issuing articles of charges and inviting his WSD on the charges framed against him.
- 3. In the reference 3rd read above, Sri B.V.V Gopala Raju, Dy.EE has submitted his WSD, denying the charges framed against him and requested to drop further action against him.
- 4. After examining the WSD of the charged officer, in the reference 4th read above, the Supdt Engineer, Irrigation Circle, Bobbili has been appointed as Inquiry Officer to conduct a detailed inquiry into the truth of the charges framed against Sri B.V.V Gopala Raju, Dy.EE as his written statements of defense is not convincing.
- 5. In the reference 5th read above, the Inquiry Officer has submitted his inquiry report stating that the charges framed against Sri B.V.V. Gopala Raju, the then Dy. EE/ MDT member, DWMA, Vizianagaram presently working in Irrigation Circle, Visakhapatnam held as not proved.
- 6. After careful examination of the enquiry report, it has been decided to disagree with the findings of the Inquiring Authority under rule 21(2) of APCS(CCA) Rules,1991 for the following reasons and to obtain the explanation of Sri B.V.V Gopala Raju, Dy.EE on the disagreement factors of the Govt. with the findings of the Inquiry Officer.

The role of Sri B.V.V.Gopala Raju, DEE as M.D.T. Member was to accord technical sanction to the works taken up under I.W.D.P and other schemes implemented by water shed committees. Further from the report of I.A. dated 05.12.08, regarding Artcles Of Charge-V, it is noted that the C.O. has failed to scrutinize the proposal submitted to him as he has not taken any measures to professionally satisfy himself the soundness of the proposal, as required under A.P. Financial Code. Though no expenditure was incurred under the sanction, the Government was put to risk of by his action as pointed out by the District Collector and Executive Chariman / D.W.M.A. / Vizianagaram, the C.O., Sri B.V.V. Gopala Raju, DEE as M.D.T Member, has failed to perform his duties.'

- 7. Accordingly, in the reference 6th read above, while communicating a copy of the Inquiry Report together with the above disagreement factors of the Govt. with the findings of the Inquiry Officer, Sri B.V.V. Gopala Raju, Dy.EE has been directed to submit his explanation, if any, in the matter.
- 8. In the reference 7th read above, Sri B.V.V. Gopala Raju, the then Dy. EE/ MDT member, DWMA, Vizianagaram presently working in Irrigation Circle, Visakhapatnam has submitted his explanation with a request to drop further action against him.
- 9. After examining the explanation of Sri B.V.V. Gopala Raju, Dy.EE with reference to the disagreement factors of the Govt. with the findings of the Inquiry Officer, it has been decided to impose a penalty of withholding of one annual grade increment without cumulative effect against Sri B.V.V Gopala Raju, Dy.EE. Accordingly Govt. hereby order to impose a penalty of withholding of one annual grade increment without cumulative effect on Sri B.V.V Gopala Raju, Dy.EE in respect of the irregularities in watershed works in Ketaram(V), Bondapally (M), Vizianagaram District.
- 10. The Irrigation &CAD(Ser.I) Department/ the Engineer-in-Chief (AW), Irrigation & CAD Department, Hyderabad shall take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

SHAILENDRA KUMAR JOSHI PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

Sri B.V.V Gopala Raju, Dy.EE, Irrigation Circle, Visakhapatnam **through** the ENC(AW), I & CAD Department, Hyderabad

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The Secretary to VC, APVC

The Commissioner, Rural Development, A.P., Hyderabad

The Accountant General, AP, Hyderabad.

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